

Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

ABSTRACT

A recording and reproduction apparatus has

- _____ a recording and reproduction control means of controlling recording in and reproduction from a main data recording region of a recording medium which has the main data recording region;
- _____ a command reception means of receiving both raw access commands and non-raw access commands; and
- _____ an authentication means of judging whether or not the command issuing origin should be authenticated based on the types of the received commands and of authenticating the command issuing origin according to the judgment result, wherein
- _____ the recording and reproduction control means decides to carry out the received commands in the case that it is not necessary to authenticate the command issuing origin and in the case that the command issuing origin is authenticated and this authentication has succeeded.